

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 6 remain in this application. Claims 2-6 have been cancelled without prejudice as pertaining to non-elected subject matter. New Claims 7-20 have been added and find support in the specification as filed on pages 7-9.

Claims 1 and 6 were rejected as being obvious over Niedermann et al. The applicants have amended the claims to remove the compounds wherein Y was oxygen. All of the compounds and generic descriptions in Niedermann et al. use oxygen at this position and there is no teaching of other substitutes.

Accordingly, the Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants' attorney sincerely and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider a telephone (805 447-3299) or personal interview to resolve any outstanding issues deemed appropriate by the Examiner.

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